the old leprosy Homes are being maintained by the State Government. A dealine in the number of admitted lepresy eases in these homes has been reported by the States.

[*English*]

Assistance to Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Orissa

4238. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Orissa during 1991-92;

(b) whether any proposal to increase the quantum of assistance to NYK in Bolangir district during the current year has been received; and

(c) if so, the reasction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT): (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) An amount of Rs. 7,17,395 has been released for programmes to Nehru Yuva Kendras in the State of Orissa during 1991-92. Besides this, Rs. 2,999,898; Rs. 2,37,294 and Rs. 21,462 have also been released for establishment expenditure, stipend and training respectively, of National Service Volunteers attached to NYKs in Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) does not arise.

Recognition of Medical Qualifications Conferred by Foreign Universities

4239. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recognise the post-graduate medical qualifications conferred by foreign universities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the proper utilization of services of such foreign qualified doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Sections 12 to 14 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 provide for recognition of medical qualifications conferred by foreign universities. The recognised medical qualifications including post-graduate qualifications granted by medical institutions outside India are included in Second Schedule and Part-II of Third Schedule to Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Survey for Connecting Bodh Gaya with Rajgir

4240. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the Government during 1990 to connect Bodh Gaya with Rajgir by railway services;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Assistance to states for Construction of Buildings

4241. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: